

Housing committee meeting canceled

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The regular meeting of the Housing
Committee, scheduled for Thursday, July
17 has been cancelled.
The next meeting will be held Thursday,
August 21 at 7 p.m., at Mt. Zion A.M.E.
Church, 245 S.W. 10th Street, Belle Glade.
For further information contact Rev.
Isaac, S. Jones at 996-3898 or Phil

on at 996-3988

GED test

offered at Glades Central High The General Education Diploma (GED) test will be given at Glades Central Community High School on July 22, 23 and

24, at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Adults should register in the community school office before 5 p.m. on July 21. The cost of the test is \$25.

For more information, call the school office at 993-4404

Library offering tickets to see the Marlins

As part of the Summer Reading Program, the Glades branches of the Palm Beach County Library system are offering Marlins tickets to children and young adults partic-

ipating in the program.

The Marlins will also provide free transportation to the game on Aug. 19. For more information, please call the Belle Glade Library at 996-3453.

Gospel sing cancelled at New Beginnings Holiness Church

Beginnings Holiness Church of Pahokee has cancelled the gospel sing scheduled for July 18.

There will be a regular Friday night service and the community is invited to attend. Church services begin at 7 p.m..

Pahokee Methodist Church to

offer Vacation Bible School
Pahokee First United Methodist Church
will be having a One Day Circle of Friends
Ranch Vacation Bible School on Saturday,

July 26 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The event will include a wiener roast fellowship supper following the days events.

To pre-register, call 924-7241.

"The Dancing Spider" takes a

spin tonight

The Glades Central performing Arts
Camp actors will perform the play "The
Dancing Spider" tonight at 7:31 p.m. at the Glades Central Theatre.

There will also be a performance at 11 a.m. on Friday with special arrangements through Heather Green, Director of the Super Summer Programs.

Lake Level 13.75 feet

Local athletes take national titles

By Brenda Bunting

Eleven-year-old Anna Perkins of Belle Glade was feeling bad during the final day of competition at the USA Track and Field National Youth Athletics competition July 6. Really bad. The thermometer registered her temperature at 102

coaches from the Track Club tried to get her to stop competing, but she wasn't having any part of it. She had come to Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex to win.

And win she did, taking first place in the midget age group by beating out second place winner Takara Short of Portland, Oregon by 446 points.

Coach Mike White says in

Coach Mike Write says in the 21 years he's been coach-ing at Lake Shore Middle School, he's never worked with a more competitive ath-lete. "Anna is highly motivat-ed and determined to win," said

Ten-year-old Geneeka Ten-year-old Geneeka Morris also came in first place in the national compe-tition in the Triathlon, beat-ing out the second place girl by 145 points. Also competing was Soila Konchellah of Belle Glade who took sixth place in the Triathlon

The Glades area has only had four female national champions besides Perkins and Morris over the years.

They included Shandra Smith, Phyllis Brooks, Yvonne Joachim and Evette Lyman, all who were in the Glades Track Club.

What are the local coaches doing to produce top caliber athletes? Coach White and Assistant Coach Dave Brannan say it helps that there is "a lot of talent in this

there is "a lot of talent in this area."

"This community regards sports very highly," says Coach White, "and they support sports financially."

He knows about that support. He and Brannan spend their mornings training the girls and then spend their afternoons fundraising to help get the team to competitions. Brannan is an accomtions. Brannan is an accom plished photographer who takes students pictures and donates the money to the Glades Track Club. The club is for girls 8 to 19, or "for as long as they want to com-pete," says Coach White. Glades Central coaches Jay Seider and Graham Frost are

Seider and Graham Frost are also coaches for the Glades Track Club.
Perkins; Morris, Kon-chellah and Mr. White's daughter, Kristin, are now trying to raise the funds to go to the Junior Olympics the last of this month in Baton Rouge LA Rouge, LA.

Any business or individual who would like to help this team go to the Junior Olympics can call Coach White at 561-793-5159.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS...These three students at Lake Shore Middle School won two First place and one sixth place awards in the USA Track and Field National Youth Athletics Championship at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando July 2-6. From left are Solia Knochellah who took sixth place in the Triathlon, Anna Perkins, who took first place in the Pentathlon and Geneeka Morris, who took first place in the Triathlon.



FIX IT, DOCTOR...Dr. Garvin Yee took time out from his busy schedule Tuesday, to 'play doctor' to students in the migrant program at Pioneer Park Elementary Part of the Voyager Pre-Med Program, the school, along with Gladeview and Lake received grants to help teach the children about the world of medicine. Shown ge make believe cast is 6-year-old April Aguire.

Lower phosphorus amounts coming from EAA; still too early to predict long-term reductions

The South Florida Water Management District's latest calcu-lation on water monitoring in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) shows farmers continue to exceed the 25 percent annual phosphorus reduction required by the Everglades Forgver Act. The infor-mation shows that over the past matton shows that over the past three years, agriculture has achieved an average of 51 percent load reduction. But caution is given that it is still too early to predict the long-term reductions are a result of the implementation of on-farm Best Manadement, Practices (BMPa.) Management Practices (BMPs). That is best determined by examin-

ing longer trends.

The agriculture community continues to meet or exceed the minimum requirements for BMP phosphorus reductions," said District phorus reductions," said District Executive Director Samuel E. Poole III. "We look for continued and improved BMP performance to be an integral component of Everglades restoration. We are continuing to monitor BMP results to better understand performance and trends."

trends."

Calculating a single year's photographics requires mo phorus reduction requires more than simply comparing the average annual amount from the 10-year

base period (1979-1998) to a current year's value.

Because rainfall and surface water discharges vary with time and location throughout South Florida, an adjustment is made in the calculation for these variations. The annual total phosphorus reduction calculation has a degree of statisti-cal variability of plus or minus 18

Under the state's Everglades Forever Act, farmers began imple-menting BMPs during 1994. The purpose is to reduce that amount of phosphorus discharged into the surface water runoff flowing into the

Everglades.

The District is charged with regulating the program and conducting on-going monitoring to see that compliance is being met by the agriculture community

ture community.

The goal of the Act is to reduce phosphorus runoff by a yearly average of 25 percent.

Although phosphorus from individual farms varies, the law says the

vidual farms varies, the law says the 25 percent reduction must apply to the EAA basin as a whole. How much farmers pay towards Everglades cleanup is determined by the amount of phosphorus by the amount o reduced in the basin.

Pilot avoids injury when plane crashes

Pilot avoids injury v
By Anne Deuschle
Brandon Blacker, 36, of Wellington,
escaped serious injury when his crop dusting plane lost power and flipped over in a
sugar cane field at Town Site Parm, owned
by U.S. Sugar Corporation, about four miles
southwest of Clewiston on July 7.

Mr. Blacker, employed by Air Corp Care
Inc., of Belle Glade, said he took off flying
south to north, to 'apply granular fertilizen,
when his engine starder running 'rough."

"It was too late to abort my flight, and the
plane just flipped over, 'he saids
The single engine plane, a Dromadeer,
powered with a piston engine, first clipped a
signal swykizh alongside USSC's railroad
track, throwing a broken piece of the switch
several yards, then narrowly missed a canal
bank, cutting through a 50-wide swath of
sugar cane before coming to rest. upside
down. Mr. Blacker pushed out a window and
escaped as the plane's engine caught fire,
burning most of the fuselage. His only injury
was a cut hand he suffered as he forced the
plexiglas window out. David Collins, foreman at Thowaste Farm, said he was in the
office when the accident occurred. 'I heard
the crash and was afraid to look. Brandon is
an excellent pilot. He wouldn't be alive now
if he weren't.

Mr. Collins said fire tanks are placed all

Mr. Collins said fire tanks are placed all over the fields in case of lightning strikes. "Our wagons were there in minutes, and so was Clewiston Fire Department. They wet down everything in the area to keep the plane from exploding," said Mr. Collins.

The plane, used for application of fertilizer in the summer months, is powered by 101 high octane aviation fuel, which is somewhat more volatile than regular fuel.

Louis Ramos, general manager of Air Corp Care, said effmpany planes are kept in excellent condition at all times.

"It takes a skilled pilot to fly these planes. They have powerful engines. Everything went according to spees, there was just unexpected engine trouble. These 'planes take off at 70 to 80 mph, groundspeed. The FAA (Federal Aviation Agency) has inspected the site and plane and said there were no iolations. Thank God, he walked away, said Mr. Ramos.

Mr. Ramos said Mr. Blacker will probably be ready to fly again in a few day. "We will wait until he is ready to fly He is very good at his job," he said.

Approximate value of the plane is \$190,000 Mr. Collins said the plane was applying granular fertilizer which doesn't pose as safety hazard to anyone at this time.



U.S. Sugar Foreman Deing pilot Brandon Black plane caught fire. an David Collins said only an excellent pilot could have survived this crash. Crop du Blacker received only a cut arm after pushing his plane window out to escape before t

It's getting hotter, no joke

By Mike Lyons
Question: What is as big
as dinosaur but doesn't
weigh anything?
Answer: The dinosaur's
shadow. Cute, huh? Well, if

shadow. Cute, huh? Well, if you're a nine year old it is.

That "joke" is an example of third grade humor. Twe become something of an expert in third grade because my nine year old daughter has just completed the third grade.

old daughter has just compieted the third grade.
She thinks that dinosaur joke is very funny and quite clever. And, I suppose if I was a nine year old I might agree.
Still, some third grade humor can bring a smile to my face. 'Take our recent heat wave, for example 'Daddy, it



was very hot today," said my daughter. "How hot?" I asked. "It was so hot that the birds had to use pot holders to pull

the worms out of the ground.
Well, it has been a hot summer. Temperatures in June
and the summer of the summer of

Atlanta, Georgia is a good example of the heat island effect. The city's population has tripled over the past 20 years. Environmental studies

show temperature changes came slowly, almost imperceptibly. Today, Atlanta's summer temperatures are six degrees warmer than 20 years ago. Why? The reason is all those roads and buildings that make up an urban area. Sunlight striking concrete and asphalt striking concrete and asphalt beach as the striking concrete and asphalt beach as the striking concrete and asphalt in the striking the mannade material. The buildings parking lets

The buildings, parking lots and roads get very, very hot. Much hotter than grass, fields or, trees. When the sun goes down, the trees and fields radiate their heat into space, cool-ing the area. But, concrete and asphalt hold their heat much longer, acting like huge space

heaters to warm the nearby cair.

It means the annual temperature of a city is warmer than surrounding countryside. Snow melts faster and flowers bloom earlier in the city. And, pollution levels are often much higher in the city as well.

When winds are light, the heat island of a large city cancreate a dome of hot air trapping pollutants and creating dangerous conditions. Weather the sensitive people, including the elderly, are often urged to say indoors during these period of heavy smog.

However, scientists at NASA may have come up with a way to dampen the heat island of dampen the heat island some up with a way to dampen the heat island some and trees the sense that serves and trees, the a great and trees, the a contract and trees the sense that a sur-tonic problem with the lighter of a some problem with the problem with th



THESE CAMP KATERI ATTENDANTS seem to be enjoying themselves. Thirty-five can from Belle Glade attended the festivities sponsored by Catholic Charities of Palm Beach Di

Camp Kateri attends cultural festivities

Four sites of Camp Kateri Tekawitha celebrated a multicultural day at Hope Rural School in Indiantown on July 2. The four camps are spon sored by Catholic Chariti Palm Beach Diocese. Thirtyfive campers from the Belle Glade office of Catholic Charities attended, as well as children from Indiantown. Guatemalan-Maya Center in Lake Worth

During the festivities, campers exchanged handcraft-ed items called "swaps." Sister the Belle Glade "Rainbow"

extremely popular. During the trading, Rainbow campers made creative "pencil-people" lavished with glitter, wiggly eyes, and other individualized

In the afternoon each camp performed cultural dances. The Belle Glade camp danced a Haitian Zouk dance, as well as a dance to the hip-hop song, "Hit Me Off", choreographed by Del'Vese Grant, a teacher in the program. A variety of Guatemalan, Mexican and Latin American dances were performed by the other campers. All the dancers were

Minoucheca Desir and Junette Ablard from Belle Glade presented Barbara Roth, Camp Kateri Director, with a statue of Kateri Tekawitha in thanksgiving for all her special help. Kateri Tekawitha was a Mohawk Indian girl who became a Christian in spite o

Camp Kateri at the Belle Charities concluded their 13day summer camp with certificates and an ice cream party July 18 at St. Philip Benizi



Hunters need permit to take migratory game birds

Mr. & Mrs. Enos Jackson of South Bay celebrated their 25th Anniversary July 6.

Sunday, July 6th, Mr. & Mrs. Enos Jackson celebrated their 25th Wedding anniversary at Tanner Hall in South Bay, Florida. A surprise party for Mrs. Jackson was arranged, by her husband, Enos, friends & family, and Geneva's Liquors.

Geneva's Liquors.

Mr. & Mrs. Jackson renewed their vows and exchanged rings as family & friends looked on. They said they hoped to see their Golden 50th Anniversary together also.

Their oldest sone, Arett, and family come from Tampa, Florida to share the day with them Their other two sons. Floyd and Manny, and their families could net get, here from Texas for the day; but called to wish them well.

Family and friends enjoyed a fun filled day of music and prizes, and a wonderful dinner and fellowship together.

A new program to enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to get a more accurate reading on the number of migratory birds hunters take each year will go into effect

this season.

The Migratory Bird Harvest
Information Program will
require all migratory bird
hunters to get a free migratory
bird permit by filling out a
questionnaire on the new uniestionnaire on the new uni-sal license application.

Hunters Planning to take ducks, coots, doves, woodcock, rails, gallinules (common moorhens) or snipe in Florida this year must have the migra-tory bird permit box checked

on their universal license To get the box checked, you Permitting with the Game and Fresh Water-Fish Commission (GFC). "This permit is avail-able at tax collector's offices or

at retail stores that sell hunt-ing and fishing licenses."

The new program will enable wildlife agencies to set season dates and bag limits to provide sportsmen with as many hunt-ing opportunities as possible, because they will be working. with more accurate figures n ever before.

In the past, anti-hunting groups have cited the lack of accurate harvest information during their legal challenges of

"Information from the program will help preserve hunt-ing and justify it as a legiti-mate recreational opportunity GFC's chief of wildlife

resources.
The USFWS will collect harvests of migratory game birds. Only selected hunters will receive survey cards before the season. They will be asked to record daily hunt informa-tion and return completed cards at the end of the hunting

"Some hunters will receive urveys to record the numbers and species of birds they take surveys to record the numbers and species of birds they take during migratory bird hunting season." O'Mears said. "If you receive one of the surveys in the mail, filling it out is optional but extremely important to the future of migratory-bird hunting in Florida and the United States." United States.

Lifetime and 5-year licens

holders also must obtain this permit and have it in their pos-session while hunting migrato-ry game birds. Holders of these

tory bird permit applications.

"If Lifetime and 5-year license holders don't receive license holders don't receive this application before the hunting season, they can call the GFC's Bureau of Licensing and Permitting at (904) 488-3641 to get a permit or com-plete a license application at their county tax collector's office, Wood said.

Sportsmen who are exempt Sportsmen who are exempt from license requirements are exempt from migratory bird permits. In addition to the migratory bird permit hunters must also have state waterfowl permits and federal duck stamps to take waterfowl in Florida.





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OPINION PAGE



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Caller grateful for random act of

"I'd like to Speak Out about a small but won derful act of human kindness. I was at the gre derful act of human kindness. I was at the gro-cery store yesterday and embarrassingly, I went a little over my budget on my purchases, by a dollar and some change. I was trying to decide what I didn't need,

I was trying to decide what I didn't need, standing there out of breath, pregnant and tired. Just as I was telling the bag boy (they really need a new name these days) what to take out of my bags, he reached into his pocket and pulled out his wallet and handed me a dol-

arbill. I think he put me in shock, I lost count of how much money I needed.

As I was trying to add, in my befuddled head no less, the cashier said, "Don't worry about the change, I've got it".

Well, I was nearly in tears by their kindness Well, I was nearly in tears by their kindness. It's been a while since I personally have witnessed people taking care of each other this way (outside of family).

I wanted to share this with my fellow citi-

twantee to sume this with my fellow cit-cens in order to remind you that there are many special, caring people out there. It may not seem like much, and monetarily, it wasn't, but after working and being entirely worn out having to deal with people who aren't always yery nice, it was like a gift from heaven.

I'll be paying back my friends at the grocery store today, and I hope this letter will encour-age others in our area to be kind to others, we're all in this together, you know."

Keep Pioneer Park beautiful

alling in regards to Pioneer Park. We wonderful park that is really being utimave a wonderful park that is really being utilized. My concern is that people are parking their vehicles on the grass and driving all over the park where they're not supposed to drive. I see now that they have signs on the north end of the park, the last part they built that say "no parking." I hope that in the near future there will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, west, and eastern will be signs on the south, we will be signs on the south which we will be signs on the south we will be signs o

here will be signs on the south, west, and east ands of the park for no parking on the grass.' A person cannot use the parks bike and

walking trail to walk because cars and trucks

are parked all over the trail.

I would like a response from the County
Parks and Recreation Department. I have been
to several parks in Palm Beach County and

to severia, parks in Paim Beach County and you only see vehicles in the designated areas. Why does this happen in Belle Glade. Please, let's keep our park beautiful, park in the parking lot, where it's designed for cars. Do not allow people to park all over in the grass or across the walking and bike trail."

Editor's note: Loraine Masencup, supervisor of for the Glades District Parks for the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Departent responds

ment responds:

"Among several other improvements slated for Glades Pioneer Park starting with this fall's budget year is an increase in the number of designated parking spaces available for park visitors. The wood rail fencing will be continued around currently unfenced areas also. The park's new group rental picnic pavilion is now open. Please note, the driveway for this pavilion is between the brown parking lot signs and is grass covered, as is the parking lot itself. Please utilize this driveway as the asphalt bike path to the east of the driveway is not made for path to the east of the driveway is not made for vehicles. A reservation for the pavilion at Glades Pioneer or our other parks may be made by calling 996-4812. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy your parks.

Fireworks were great in Pahokee

"I would like to give thanks to the committee who put on the Fourth of July fireworks in Pahokee. It was so pretty and it was the best they have had in the past four years. I had people down from as far away as Maryland, North Carolina and Ohio and they really enjoyed the fireworks. The fireworks lasted at least 15 or 20 more minutes longer than normal.

We would like to give thanks and honor to those who did a wonderful job and we hope they continue the good work."

ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL MARRY A GIRL

THAT LOVES BROCCOLI ... THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO EAT IT."

Physician-assisted suicide doesn't offer compassion or hope

By Mark W. Merrill Florida Family Council Tragedy often comes like a thief in the night, sudden and unexpected. My good friend Rick's father faced deep calamity a couple of months ago. He was diagnosed with liver cancer. The prospects for survival were not good and his family came home to be with

Rick's dad was in a situation that thousands of Americans find themselves in every year nat themselves in every year-battling a terminal illness. This painful subject evokes fears of pain, incapacitation, even financial ruin. It is out of a very real concern about terminal illness that the doctor-science auxiliary and the second seco assisted suicide debate has assisted sinched departed has surfaced in this country. In fact, the Florida Supreme Court is about to make a potentially sweeping decision on this issue.

on this issue.

Proponents of this practice argue that physician-assisted suicide offers patients, a choice about their future and a way to relieve pain quickly. Both of these are worthy goals. Unfortunately, doctor-assisted suicide does not offer and offe cide does not offer much com-passion or hope. Indeed, it is likely to lead to a variety of serious problems for our soci-

We all support the freedom of choice, but unbridled free-dom can lead to disaster. We have laws against suicide have laws against suicide because we don't want love sick teens, pink-slipped middle managers, the disabled, the lonely or the depressed feeling that killing themselves is acceptable and life is not worth

What makes doctor-assisted suicide a particularly thorny issue, however, is that it involves more than individual choice. This is called doctorassisted-suicide precisely because this is not an individu-al-private act. Indeed, this is a public act, that involves at

least two individuals. If doctor-assisted becomes the norm, physicians will be granted a

physicians will be granted a radical new authority - the authority to participate in ending another person's life.

But this runs contrary to more than 4,000 years of medical tradition. The Hippocratic Oath says 'I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked.' It is precisely because doctors are healers and not killers that the American Medical Association and the Florical Association a ical Association and the Florida Medical Association oppose physician-assisted suicide.

But the push for allowing people to "choose" doctor-assisted suicide could lead to a circumstance where life and death in the case of terminal illness is actually determined by doctors--without the con-sent of the patient. The experience of the netherlands indicates this is not scare mongering and speculation. No other country has as much experi-ence with doctor-assisted sui-cide. The Dutch government allows it to go on freely. But according to a 1991 study by the Dutch government cited in the New England Journal of Medicine, it was discovered that at least 1,800 victims of doctor sealed of the New England Journal of Medicine, it was discovered that at least 1,800 victims of doctor sealed on the New York of the Ne doctor-assisted suicide had never made a request to be killed. Doctors had apparently taken it upon themselves to make the decision to kill.

make the decision to kill.
Compassion is another powerful argument advanced in
favor of doctor-assisted suicide.
Death is an escape from suffering and physical pain, the
argument goes. But this
ignores advancement by medical science in recent years.
According to Ira Byock, president of the American Academy
of Hospice and Palliative
Medicine, Pain can always be
alleviated.*.
Our medical profession has

Our medical profession has an important responsibility to ensure that effective medica-tion, advanced equipment and

current techniques are available to meet the physical needs of those who are suffering from pain. "Beyond morphine and skilled medical care," says Byock, "it is possible to attend the dying in ways that honor and even celebrate their lives." Doctors who offer death ' Doctors who offer death by assisted-suicide as a medical option communicate hopeless-

option communicate nopeless-ness, not compassion.

Often the despair that drive people to seek the option of doctor-assisted suicide is doctor-assisted suicide is depression and psychological distress. A network of hospice care facilities around the coun-try has been working for decades to offer terminally-ill patients the care they need physically and psychologically to meet the challenges of cop-ing with their illness. It is these individuals in the hosrically pice movement that have demonstrated real compassion with decades of work. And it is important to note that the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care and other hospice organizations are strongly opposed to doctor-assisted suicide, precisely because they find that promot-ing death is not compassionate

As my friend's father faced the news, he accepted his con-dition and lived his remaining days to the fullest. He passed away a month ago. In those last remaining weeks of his life, he saw his family brought together by the tragedy. Wounds were healed and divisions in the family were erased. By grieving together, his family reconciled, rekin-dled the family spirit and cele-brated his life. Rick, I know, was happy for that.

Mark W. Merrill is president of Florida Family Council, a statewide, non-profit research and education organization dedicated to strengthening the family.

Letter to the editor

I would like to take the opportunity to thank both *The Sun* and Mr. Ken Schenck for helping one very determined young lady to make a point about our patriotic duties.

The City of Pahokee has a definite problem with cleanliness, day-to-day operations, and most definitely patriotism and decorum. It is nice to know that Ms. Otto, at the tender age of Its, has been raised to appreciate our heritage. Her moving letter printed in your paper helped to pressure the city to take better care of the U.S. flags on the Fourth. Although they were still not presented in a professional way, at least they were all upright. Perhaps we can improve by the next*holiday...(possible Mr. Schenck???)

Thank you, Brenda and The Sun for providing the citize ns of Pahokee with another useful se

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Mills and other researchers surveyed three and four gener-ations of families, totaling, 2,003 people, between 1971 and 1994. Unlike other studies, they focused on grandpar-ents' relationships with grand-children who were adults rather than youngsters or teenagers.

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The research suggests the relationship between the two generations is likely to change over time as grandchildren marry, raise children and pur-sue careers, and as grandpar-ents become ill or widowed, he

"We found that becoming parents strengthens the bond adult grandchildren feel for adult grandchildren feel for their grandparents, probably because assuming family roles similar to ones their grandpar-ents took makes them feel more like them," Mills said. "On the other hand, moving into full-time car with grandparents, probably because of job demands." Gender differences emerged in such relationships, with

adult granddaughters pursuing careers reporting less agreement in opinions with

agreement in opinions with their grandmothers and more with their grandfathers, the study found.

The grandmothers grew up in an era when women were housewives, whereas the granddaughters came of age during the women's liberation movement of the '70s.' Mills grandaughters came or age during the women's liberation movement of the '70s," Mills said. "Changing expectations make the granddaughters more like their grandfathers in terms of being independent and oriented toward careers."

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Mills found that gender dif-ferences affect grandparents as well as grandchildren. For example, grandmothers who lost their spouses said they felt more affection toward their grandchildren and spent more time with them, while grandfa-thers generally had less to dy with their grandchildren than they did before their wives died, he said.

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Congress should close production line for B-2

oley As Washington debates how to spend our money in the com ing fiscal year's budget, one item which I have fought to end is the production of any new B-2 bombers. In this time of budgetary constraints, Congress must learn to priori-tize our defense dollars. As such, congress should not authorize the additional procurement of an aircraft we do not need, and the Pentagon clearly has stated it does not

want.
The reality is that by continuing to fund this unnecessary
accessory for the armed forces for the next 20 years, we are forcing the Defense Depart-ment to make trade-offs and keep money from other more worthy area

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According to the Pentagon the current fleet of 21 B-2 bombers is sufficient to meet the scenario of having to fight two wars at the same time. The B-2 has a limited conventional non-nuclear mission and tional non-nuclear mission and its stealth technology requires extensive maintenance. When compared to smaller, faster attack and fighter aircraft its limitations pose a serious hur-dle given the new face of swift arfare.

The Congressional Budget Office projects that to build and operate another 20 B-2s over the next 20 years could cost over \$38 billion. Given the need to end deficit spending by the year 2002 and the efforts to rein in wasteful federal spending, it would seem to me that this is imprudent. Now is the time to make tough deci-sions and cut out the things that we truly cannot afford.

One B-2 bomber costs about \$1.5 billion. For that you could pay for 56,604 elementary school teachers at \$26,500 a year; 86,108 deputy sheriffs to petrol our streets at \$17,420 per year; 46,584 firemen to protect our homes and public safety. One B-2 bomber could pay for 36,586 new prison beds to lock up our most violent offenders. On a personal level the money could purchase 188,372 brand-new GEO econ-omy cars; buy groceries for one full year for 360,577 families; 224,753 students could attend

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adding more B-2 aircraft to the fleet.
I believe in supporting our

armed forces and in a strong but smart defense. I also believe in the conservative principle of saving taxpayers money at a time when we have a limited budget. As we go through this budget process, I will continue to fight to ensure that our tax dollars are spent in a manner that is cost effective and brings you the most benefit.

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Caller grateful for random act of kindness "I'd like to Speak Out about a small but won-

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I was trying to decide what I dunt need, standing there out of breath, pregnant and tired. Just as I was telling the bag boy (they cally need a new name these days) what to take out of my bags, he reached into his pocket and pulled out his wallet and handed me a dol-lar bill. I think he put me in shock, I lost count of how much many I needed.

As I was trying to add, in my befuddled head no less, the cashier said, "Don't worry about the change, I've got it". Well, I was nearly in tears by their kindness.

Well, I was nearly in tears by their kindness. It's been a while since I personally have witnessed people taking care of each other this way (outside of family).

I wanted to share this with my fellow citizens in order to remind you that there are many special, carring people out there. It may not seem like much, and monetarily, it wasn't, but after working and being entirely worn out having to deal with people who aren't always very nice, it was like a gift from heaven.

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Keep Pioneer Park beautiful

"I'm calling in regards to Pioneer Park. We have a wonderful park that is really being utilized. My concern is that people are parking their vehicles on the grass and driving all over

then reinces on the grass and urring an order the park where they're not supposed to drive. I see now that they have signs on the north end of the park, the last part they built that say "no parking". I hope that in the near future there will be signs on the south, west, and east ends of the park for 'no parking on the grass.'

A person cannot use the parks bike and walking trail to walk because cars and trucks are parked all over the trail.

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I would like a response from the County
Parks and Recreation Department. I have been
to several parks in Palm Beach County and
you only see vehicles in the designated areas.
Why does this happen in Belle Glade.

Please, let's keep our park beautiful, park in the parking lot, where it's designed for cars. Do not allow people to park all over in the grass or across the walking and bike trail."

Editor's note: Loraine Masencup, supervisor of for the Glades District Parks for the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department responds:
"Among several other improvements slated for Clades Pieces Poels testings with the U.S.

Glades Pioneer Park starting with this fall's budget year is an increase in the number of designated parking spaces available for park visitors. The wood rail fencing will be continued around currently unfenced areas also. The act around currently unfenced areas asso. The park's new group rental picinic pavilion is now open. Please note, the driveway for this pavil-ion is between the brown parking lot signs and is grass covered, as is the parking lot itself. Please utilize this driveway as the asphalt bike path to the east of the driveway is not made for reshifting the parking parking the parking the parking the parking Chickes. A reservation for the pavilion at Glades Pioneer or our other parks may be made by calling 996-4812. We invite everyone to come out and enjoy your parks."

Fireworks were great in Pahokee
I would like to give thanks to the committee
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ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'LL MARRY A GIRL THAT LOVES BROCCOLI ... THEN YOU'LL HAVE Physician-assisted suicide doesn't offer compassion or hope

By Mark W. Merrill

Florida Family Council
Tragedy often comes like a
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unexpected. My good friend
Rick's father faced deep Rick's father faced deep calamity a couple of months ago. He was diagnosed with liver cancer. The prospects for survival were not good and his family came home to be with

Rick's dad was in a situation that thousands of Americans find themselves in every year-battling a terminal illness. This painful subject evokes fears of pain, incapacitation, even financial ruin. It is out of a very real concern about ter-minal illness that the doctor-assisted suicide debate has surfaced in this country. In fact, the Florida Supreme Court is about to make a potentially sweeping decision

Proponents of this practice argue that physician-assisted suicide offers patients a choice about their future and a way to relieve pain quickly. Both of these are worthy goals. Unfor-tunately, doctor-assisted sui-cide does not offer much com-passion or hope. Indeed, it is likely to lead to a variety of serious problems for our soci-ety. suicide offers patients a choice

We all support the freedom of choice, but unbridled free-dom can lead to disaster. We have laws against suicide because we don't want love sick teens, pink-shipped middle managers, the disabled, the lonely or the depressed feeling that killing themselves is acceptable and life is not worth

What makes doctor-assisted suicide a particularly thorny issue, however, is that it involves more than individual choice. This is called doctor-assisted suicide precisely because this is not an individu al private act. Indeed, this is a public act, that involves at

least two individuals. If doctorphysicians will be granted a radical new authority -- the authority to participate in end-

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But the push for allowing people to "choose" doctor-assisted suicide could lead to a circumstance where life and death in the case of terminal illness is actually determined by doctors--without the conby doctors—without the con-sent of the patient. The experi-ence of the netherlands indi-cates this is not scare monger-ing and speculation. No other country has as much expericountry has as much experi-ence with doctor-assisted sui-cide. The Duftch government allows it to go on freely. But according to a 1991 study by the Dutch government cited in the New England Journal of Medicine, it was discovered that at least 1,800 victims of doctor-assisted suicide had never made a request to be killed. Doctors had apparently

taken it upon themselves to make the decision to kill. Compassion is another pow-erful argument advanced in favor of doctor-assisted suicide. Death is an escape from suffer-ing and physical pain, the argument goes. But this ignores advancement by mediignores advancement by medi-cal science in recent years. According to Ira Byock, presi-dent of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, "Pain can always be alleviated."

Our medical profession has an important responsibility to ensure that effective medica-tion, advanced equipment and

current techniques are avail able to meet the physical needs of those who are suffering from pain: "Beyond morphine and pain: "Beyond morphine and skilled medical care," says Byock, "it is possible to attend the dying in ways that honor and even celebrate their lives." Doctors who offer death by assisted-suicide as a medical option communicate hopeless

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Often the despair-that drive people to seek the option of doctor-assisted suicide is depression and psychological distress. A network of bassics distress. A network of hospice care facilities around the coun try has been working for decades to offer terminally-ill patients the care they need physically and psychologically to meet the challenges of con ting with their illness. It is these individuals in the hos-pice movement that have demonstrated real compassion with decades of work. And it is important to note that the important to note that the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care and other hospice organizations are strongly opposed to doctor assisted suicide, precisely because they find that promot-ing death is not compassion-ate. As my friend's father faced the news, he accented his con-

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Mark W. Merrill is president of Florida Family Council, a statewide, non-profit research and education organization dedicated to strengthening the family.

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July 9 - No arrests made

July 10 - No arrests made

July 11 - George Smtih, 26, domestic battery, assault on a police officer.

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July 12 - No arrests made

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July 8 - No arrests made

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July 13 - No arrests made

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Caring for grandparents

their graying parents, he said. Medicare is not likely to fill the gap because the program is designed for acute, short-term illness while most people over age 75 face multiple chronic

sickness, he said. Mills and other researchers Mills and other researchers surveyed three and four generations of families, totaling 2,003 people, between 1971 and 1994. Unlike other studies, they focused on grandparents' relationships with grandhildren who were adults rather than youngsters or teenagers. teenagers

teenagers.

The research suggests the relationship between the two generations is likely to change over time as grandchildren marry, raise children and pursue careers, and as grandpar-ents become ill or widowed, he

"We found that becoming parents strengthens the bond adult grandchildren feel for their grandparents, probably because assuming family roles similar to ones their grandpar ents took makes them feel more like them," Mills said. "On the other hand, moving into full-time careers resulted in less contact and closeness

with grandparents, probably because of job demands." Gender differences emerged in such relationships, with adult granddaughters pursuing careers reporting less agreement in opinions with

agreement in opinions with their grandmothers and more with their grandfathers, the study found.

"The grandmothers grew up in an era when women were housewives, whereas the granddaughters came of age during the women's liberation movement of the "70s, "Mills said. "Changing expectations make the granddaughters more like their granddaughters more like their granddaughters more like their granddaughters and oriented toward careers."
Mills found that, gender dif-

Mills found that gender differences affect grandparents as well as grandchildren. For example, grandmothers who lost their spouses said they felt more affection toward their grandchildren and spent more time with them, while grandfa-thers generally had less to do with their grandchildren than ferences affect grandparents as they did before their wives died, he said.

"Because of the way they are socialized, women typically are the caregivers and 'kinkeepers'

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in families," Mills said. "Since in lamilies, Mills said. Since they are usually the ones in families to be more aware of who got married, who died and who the cousins are, it's not surprising they feel greater eness and affection toward family members."

closeness and affection toward family members. No gender differences, how-ever, were found when grand-parents became ill. Ailing grandfathers and grandmoth-ers both reported feeling a heightened sense of closeness and shared values with their grandchildren, Mills-said. "These grandparents proba-bly recognize their frailty and the fact that they are approaching the end of their lives, he said. "In their desire to gontinue their family line!

nves, he said. In their desire to gontinue their family line; they may feel a strong pulf toward a realization that they've done a good job in communicating their values to the younger generation and feel much closer to them ideologically. cally."
With increases in life

expectancy, today's grandpar-ents, and grandchildren have opportunities to share in each others' lives that might have been unheard of even a genera-tion see he said tion ago, he said

Congress should close production line for B-2

One B-2 bomber costs about

\$1.5 billion. For that you could

pay for 56,604 elementary school teachers at \$26,500 a year; 86,108 deputy sheriffs to

the money could purchase 188,372 brand-new GEO econ-omy cars, buy groceries for one full year for 360,577 families; 224,753 students could attend

a public four-year college and 11,512 average-priced new homes could be built. This debate is about choices. We can provide our men and

women in uniform decent

housing and pay them a decent

nousing and pay them a decent wage or we can buy more weapons that the Joint Chief's of Staff and the Defense Secre-tary have said they do not want. Secretary Choen has

said that the loss in combat capabilities from retiring cur-rent weapon systems to pay for additional B-2's, and the loss

due to forgoing investment in

other needed capabilities farm outweighs the benefits of

By Congressman Mark Foley
As Washington debates how

As washington debates now to spend our money in the com-ing fiscal year's budget, one item which I have fought to item which I have fought to end is the production of any new B-2 bombers. In this time of budgetary constraints, Congress must learn to priori-tize our defense dollars. As such, congress should not authorize the additional pro-curement of an aircraft we do not need, and the Pentagon clearly has stated it does not want.

want.
The reality is that by continuing to fund this unnecessary
accessory for the armed forces
for the next 20 years, we are
forcing the Defense Department to make trade-offs and
keep money from other more
worthy areas.
According to the Pentagon,
the current fleet of 21 B-2'
bombers is sufficient to me

bombers is sufficient to meet bombers is sufficient to meet the scenario of having to fight two wars at the same time. The B-2 has a limited conven-tional non-nuclear mission and its stealth technology requires extensive maintenance. When compared to smaller, faster attack and fighter aircraft its limitations pose a serious hur-dle given the new face of swift air warfare. air warfare.

The Congressional Budget Office projects that to build and operate another 20 B-2s over the next 20 years could. cost over \$38 billion. Given the need to end deficit spending by the year 2002 and the efforts to rein in wasteful federal spending, it would seem to me

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that this is imprudent. Now is adding more B-2 aircraft to the the time to make tough deci-sions and cut out the things that we truly cannot afford. fleet."

I believe in supporting our

armed forces and in a strong but smart defense. I also believe in the conservative principle of saving taxpayers money at a time when we have a limited budget. As we go through this budget process, I year; 86,108 deputy sherits to patrol our streets at \$17,420 per year; 46,584 firemen to protect our homes and public safety. One B-2 bomber could pay for 36,586 new prison beds to lock up our most violent offenders. On a personal level will continue to fight to ensure that our tax dollars are spent in a manner that is cost effective and brings you the most benefit.

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Recognition in Washington,
D.C., which represents the
early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve child care by evaluation and recognizing the skills of individiuals pro the skills of individuals pro-viding care. The fist credential was awarded 20 years ago, and now 46 states plus the District of Columbia include CDA in their child care licensing regulations

Parents who use child care

are especially concerned teday about their children's welfare. With this in mind, as part of the CDA as every candidate for the CDA



credential is observed working with young children by childhood professional. In addi-tion, the candidatemus demon-strate the ability to work with families to develop children's

physical and intellectual capa-bilities in a safe and healthy

a positive effect on the quality of child care. Its impact is evi-dent in center-based care as well as family child care, the

most common form to care for children under five years old. Child care staff and parents wanting informating on CDA should write the Council for Early Childhood Professinal cognition at: 1341 G Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C., 20005-3105. Or call (202) 265-9090 or 1 (800) 424-4310.

Ms. Caldwell's photo was unavailable for publication.



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She had resided in Winter Haven infoel 1911. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Winter Haven and a long time volunteer for the Winter Haven Hospital American Red Cross and the First Presbyterian Church Library; Order of the Eastern Star, Received her Master's Degree from Columbia University, and her undergraduate spidies from Florida State College fc. Women (now FSU).

Mrs. Britt was a retired Librarian for Dennison Junior High School after 30 years of service.

She is survived by her two daughters: Eugenia Jones, Belle Glade, May Kimbrell, of Lakeland, Fl. Sister, Rebecca Waldrop, of Winter Haven, Fl. One grandson and one great granddaughter. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Jeffries Britt. Funeral Services were held Thursday, July, 10, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven. Rev. Steven Negley officiated.

Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home, Winter Haven handled the arrangements.

Artangements.

**Nellie Greynolds Alderman*, age 90, of 1265 East Main Street, Pahokee, died early Monday morning at her residence. A native of Garrison, North Dakota, she was born on April 17, 1907, daughter of the late A. O. and Daisy Alice Sutton Greynolds. She had made her home in the Glades since moving from West Palm Beach sixty-five years ago. In 1936, she and her late husband opened Glades Mercantile Company and she was involved in the operation of the store for twenty years. Following that, for many years, she worked in the cafeteria at Pahokee High School. She was a member of the PAFF Club and the First Baptist Church, Pahokee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis G. Alderman; her son, Arthur Albert "Ripp" Alderman; and a great grandaughter, Keri Beth.

Surviving are: her daughter - Bebe Picton of Hollywood; grand-children - Kathi Picton of Whitman, Massachusetts, Tom Picton of Bedford, Massachusetts, Ken. Pictorio G Shaftshurg, Vermont and John Picton of Elwyn, Pennsylvania; as great grandchildren - Olivia and Mateo.

The funeral service will be Saturady afternoon (July 19) at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel of the James A Bennett Puneral Home. The Rev. James A. Bennett, pastor, Canal Point Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

Those making an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Florida Baptist Church; the Kathryn E. Cunfingham/Canal Point Elementary School; or the Ann Alderman Scholarship Fund, care of First Union Bank.

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Many things we need can wait. The child cannot. Now is the time is bis bones are being formed; his blood is being made; his mind is being developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow. His name is today.

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The family of David Lee Shackelford would like to say a special thank you to everyone for. the food, flowers, prayers, calls, and visits. Your support and kindness during this difficult time will always be remembered.

Special thanks to David's many friends at South Florida Water Management, to the First Baptist church in Belle Glade, and to Dr. Harland and his staff for the special care and support they provided.

It has been a true blessing to have friends and family who care so much. May God bless you

Blake, Ryan, Joe, Joyce, Joey, Patty, Scott and Joey, Patty, Scott and Michael Shackelford



Heritage Calendar Highlights Florida's History

Secretary of State Sandra Mortham announced the inau-gural edition of a 1998 Florida Heritage calendar produced by the Florida Division of Historical Resources. "This regional Division of Historical Resources. This twelve month calendar celebrates a selection of Florida's fascinating architecture and historic landmarks with stunning full color photography. Secretary Mortham said. We hope it will lead to a greater appreciation of Florida's historic resources.

Produced in conjunction with Florida Heritage magazine, this calendar provides a panorama of some of the state cherished historical sites. From Annual State of the state of t

Card of Thanks

HEALTH

National organizations join forces to eliminate suffering from genetic disorder

The National Gaucher Foundation (NGF), the International Patient Advocacy Association (IPAA) and two major Treatment Centers in Florida are leading efforts to increase public awareness and ensure treatment of a genetic disorder called Gaucher dis-ease. This campaign is a multi-faceted effort which includes an intensive public education program in south Florida,

program in south Florida, patients sharing their experiences and a new study to evaluate the treatment.

"A serious problem for individuals who potentially suffer from Gaucher disease is lack of public awareness," said Rhonda Buyers, Executive Director of the National Gaucher Foundation. "We are relying on the media to help us identify individuals."

Gaucher (pronounced Go-Gaucher (pronounced Go-Gaucher (pronounced Go-

Gaucher (pronounced Go-shay) disease is an inherited disorder in which individuals lack a gene that is responsible for the production of an

enzyme called glucocerebrosi-dase. The body needs this enzyme to break down a fatty substance called glucocerebro-side. This enzyme deficiency results in the accumulation of the fatty substance in the

results in the accumulation of the fatty substance in the spleen, liver and bone marrow. Individuals with Gaucher disease are sharing their expe-riences to familiarize the pub-lic with the wasning signs. It, can be misdiagnosed as leukemia or arthritis, but prope-er diagnosis can be acheived through a simple blood test. "When I was a child, doctors told my mother I suffered from growing pains," said Florence, a Florida woman in her seven-ties. "Throughout my life, they diagnosed me with arthritis, rheumatism, leukemia, hepati-tis, you name it! When they finally properly diagnosed me, my doctors could not do any-thing to treat me.

Florence has been receiving

Florence has been receiving enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) for four years and she

ma "triggers."
According to the American Col-lege of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). 17 percent of children who are seen in hospital emergency de-partments are there for an asihmat-

states "it has made a tremendous difference in my life."
Originally produced from human tissue, ERT is a modification. fied version of the enzyme missing in people with Gaucher disease. The therapy dramatically improves the dramatically improves the health of patients by halting the progression of the disease and reversing its symptoms.

Symptoms of the disease

Symptoms of the disease include bone pain, enlarged liver and/or spleen, increased bleeding tendacies such as nosebleeds and bruising, anemia, fatigue and unexplained home fractures. The sevents of

mia, fatigue and unexplained bone fractures. The severity of the symptoms varies enormously.

"I was not symptomatic when I found out that I had Gaucher disease, but the diagnosis probably saved my life," said Cynthia Bernstein, a real estate broker in Hollwood, Florida. "My surgeon could not continue with critical brain surgery because of complications caused by Gaucher dis-

ease. My surgery would have been far riskier if not for the treatment."

been far riskier it in the treatment.

Like Tay-Sachs, another genetic disorder, the incidence rate of Gaucher disease is comparibly high in people of Jewish descent. Up to one in ten Ashkenari Jews is a carrier of Gaucher disease, and as many as one in 450-600 has the disease. Yet, Gaucher disease remains virtually unknown in most Jewish communities.

"After years of one false diag-nosis after another, I was diagnosed with Gaucher dis-ease," said Lenny Van Pelt, founder and attorney for the International Patient Advocacy Association (IPAA). "If I had hear diagnosed sooner, I may Association (IPAA). "If I had been diagnosed sooner, I may not have had two hip replacements. No one should suffer the way I did."

The IPAA was established in 1986 to intercede for Gaucher disease patients, and individuals suffering from other disease.

problems, such as insurance coverage denial and employment discrimination.

ment discrimination.

As the manufacturer of the only treatment for Gaucher disease, Genzyme Therapeutics is preparing to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness that enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) has on improving skeletal disease one of the most severe symptoms of Gaucher disease. By using remarkable modern technology, a synthetic version of ERT has recently been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that will ensure sufficient quantities of the treatment for Gaucher sufferers worldwide, By working together, the As the manufacturer of the

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NGF, the IPAA, Genzyme and
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Centers hope to ensure proper
diagnosis of individuals with
Gaucher disease, evaluate
their needs and treat them if
necessary. A major part of

schools and universities to promote awareness of the disease and its symptoms.

"We want parents to understand Gaucher disease and realize that emotional and medical support exists for them," said Rhonda Buyers. The best way to reach parents is through their child's school with the support and guidance of the educational community."

Founded in 1984, the National Gaucher Foundation supports medical research and

National Gaucher Foundation supports medical research and clinical programs that enhance the current understadning of Gaucher disease. The Foundation also provides educational inforantion, assistance to patients and their families, and publishes a newsaletter.

For more information.

For more information, contact Rhonda Buyers at the National Gaucher Foundation @ 1-800-GAUCHER (1-800-

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(NU) - The blooming trees and flowers that accompany warmer wather are pleasing to most of us. But these sights can fill asthma sufferers — especially children — with a feeling of dread.

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Asthma kills more than 5,000 Americans per year.

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(NU) - Fitness and a naturally nu-tritious diet aren't fads anymore. For many, they're part of a commitment to a healthier lifestyle for themselves and their families. Making conscious choices to-ward healthier food means consum-jules far and sordium and entring

are seen in hospital emergency de-partments-are there for an ashmat-ic pisode.

ACEP was involved in develop-ion and the seen of the seen of the seen of the care by the National Ashma Ed-ucation and Prevention Program of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. The guidelines call for ear-lier treatment and more aggressive therapies to help the growing num-ber of Americans with ashma and reduce the number of deaths. ward healthier food means consuming less fat and sodium and getting the daily requirements of vitamins and minerals. Pears can be a part of the program. Since the natural fruit is one of the most efficient nutrition packages available, it goes hand-in-hand with exercise.

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Moss. "Patients need to feel comfortable with their doctors - and to know that the doctor is listening to what they say. By paying attention to what our patients tell us, we can do a better job of managing their healthcare." Palm Beach lurdogy Associates has four locations serving Palm Beach and Hendry counties. Their offices are located in Wellington, Lake Worth, Belle Glade and Clewiston. "Were pleased to welcome Dr. Moss.," said Dr. Becker. "He is a respected professional who brings many years of experience and a reputation for providing compassionate patient care to our practice."

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"Residents can do a variety of things at no or little expense that will help keep their homes comfortable and their cooling costs down, even during this hottest season," Elise James

said.

FPL's tips include:

•Keep the thermostat set a

78 degrees or higher and on

"auto rather than "on". Each
degree higher can mean up to

on cooking costs.

*Use ceiling fans to circulate air and make you feel more comfortable at higher thermostats settings. But make size to turn off the fan when the room is unoccupied.

Clean or replace your air

conditioner filter monthly, and clean the coils of your refrigerator at least one in year.

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conditioner filter monthly, and clean the coils of your refrigerator at rapid boil. And don't open the oven door to peek at your food. Use the window or a timer. When possible, use a toaster oven or set-cooking microwave or convention oven. They add legs to the coils of your refrigerator at rapid boil. And don't open the oven door to peek at your food. Use the window or a timer. When possible, use a toaster oven or set-cooking microwave or convention oven. They add legs to the coils of your refrigerator at rapid boil. And don't open the oven door to peek at your food. Use the window or a timer. When possible, use a toaster oven or set-cooking microwave or convention oven. They add legs to peed to the cooking on the range to peed to peed

*Don't run your pool pump around the clock. During sum-mer, FPL recommends opera) ing it from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

•Wash pots and pans in the dishwasher as opposed to washing them by hand. You'll use less hot water. But make sure the washer is full each

sure the wisher is full each time you use it.

*Set refrigerators between 36 and 42 degrees, freezers from 0 to 8 degrees.

*The recommended setting for hot water heaters is 120 degrees, except for homes with automatic dishwashers, which may require hotter water to dissolve soan.

"All these little things can add up to significant savings," James said. FPL also offers a variety

rrL also offers a variety 0. incentive programs to help customers make energy-efficient upgrades to their homes. For more information on no and low-cost tips or these incentive programs, call 1-800-DIAL-FPL.



another very hot week here on Lake Okeechobee. A few after noons rain showers have helped to put a little water back in the lake. The lake level was actually stayed at a higher level then predicted. This is good as it will predicted. This is good as it will let some of the grass grow back if the sprayers don't kill it. We need this grass in the lake very badly. If you don't think we do, just go look at the water in the areas where there is no grass. The water becomes unfishable when the wind blows and the silt settles on what grass there is studing its growth.

silt settles on what grass there is stunting its growth.

Enough said about the grass. The fishing in the areas where the water is clean, which is limited is fair. The bass are on their summertime patterns near or in deeper water. We were fishing the east side of the lake last week and caupth some were fishing the east side of the lake last week and caught some nice fish up to 7 1/2 lbs. using crankbaits. We were sitting in 12 feet of water and throwing nice fish up to 7 1/2 lbs. using-crankbaits. We were sitting in 12 feet of water and throwing into 4 feet of depth. A slow retrieve seemed to work the best. We also had some smaller fish up to 3 lbs. on topwater near Rita Island, fishing the isolated peppergrass clumps. We were casting small thopwater bait into the small*holes and just letting it sit still. That seems to work early morning and late evening the best. When fishing in Florida this time of year, one must be very careful about the heat of the day. You can become dehydrat-careful about the heat of the day four can be such as the first divided of the seems of the such loss fitting clothing and dring loss fitting clothing and dring lenty of water. Take a break in the mid-day heat and go back out in the evening after the sun has dropped down a ways.



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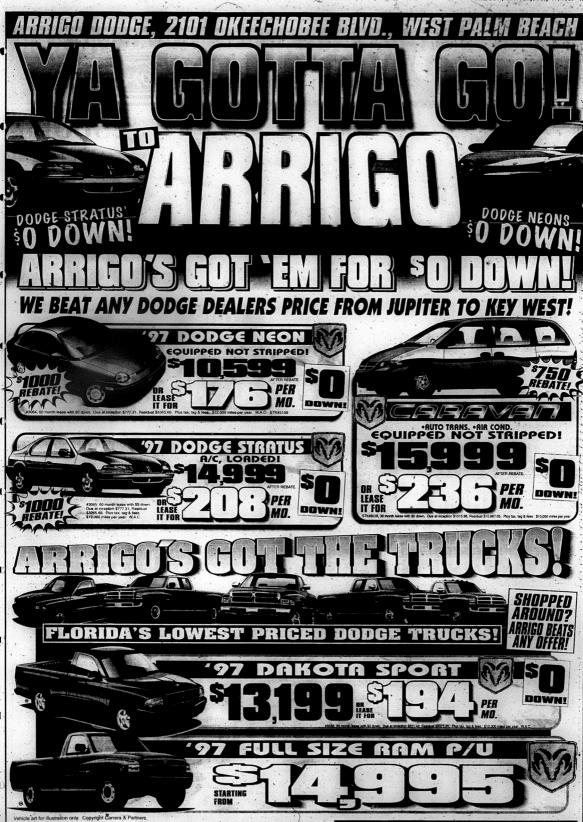
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